

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 JOHANN 01193 171012Z

ACTION AF-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 DHA-02 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01

INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02

SS-15 USIA-06 AID-05 IGA-02 IO-13 /078 W

-----171016Z 036563 /14

P 170655Z MAY 77

FM AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6017

INFO AMCONSUL DURBAN

AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE JOHANNESBURG 1193

CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SF, PINS, PINT

SUBJECT: UBC 'MAYOR' THEBAHALI CLAIMS 500 MILLION RAND LOAN
FOR SOWETO FROM US SOURCES

1. SOWETO UBC (URBAN BANTU COUNCIL) CHAIRMAN (INFORMALLY CALLED MAYOR) DAVID THEBAHALI CURRENTLY ON US TRIP SPONSORED BY CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST HAS CLAIMED IN REPORT CARRIED BY JOHANNESBURG BLACK NEWSPAPER "THE WORLD" THAT UNNAMED US SOURCES HAVE OFFERED 500 MILLION RAND LOAN TO SOWETO TO IMPROVE LIVING CONDITIONS.

2. WHILE NEWS CREATED INITIAL STIR, IT HAS DROPPED FROM SIGHT IN SUBSEQUENT EDITIONS OF LOCAL NEWSPAPERS REFLECTING SKEPTICISM AS TO VERACITY. ONLY FURTHER COMMENT WAS EDITORIAL IN "THE WORLD" TO THE EFFECT, "WE GET A MAYOR OF SOWETO GOING ON RECORD THAT AMERICANS ARE PREPARED TO PROP UP APARTHEID. WE DO NOT WANT TO BELIEVE THAT."

3. COMMENT: WELL INFORMED LOCAL SOURCE PATRICK LAURENCE
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 JOHANN 01193 171012Z

OF RAND DAILY MAIL ALLEGED OFF THE RECORD TO CONOFF THAT LOAN OFFER WAS "PURE FABRICATION DESIGNED TO THROW A SMOKESCREEN OVER THEBAHALI'S UNPOPULARITY" AND STRICTLY POLITICALLY MOTIVATED. HE STATED IT WILL BE EASY FOR THEBAHALI TO SHIFT BLAME WHEN THE 'UNNAMED SOURCES' FAIL TO COME UP WITH THE CASH. WHILE MANY BLACKS ARE PROBABLY AWARE OF WHAT THEBAHALI IS UP TO, THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE "LOAN" HAS PROBABLY CREATED ANTICIPATION

AMONG THOSE OF LESSER SOPHISTICATION. USIS JOHANNESBURG HAS
ALREADY RECEIVED QUERIES FROM SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS SEEKING CLAR-
IFICATION. WE BELIEVE IF THIS LOAN OFFER IS INDEED A SHAM, IT
WOULD BE BEST TO CLEAR UP THE CONFUSION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT COMMENT.
KIRBY

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ALLEGATIONS, LOANS, LIVING CONDITIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 17-May-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977JOHANN01193
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770174-0965
Format: TEL
From: JOHANNESBURG
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770550/aaaabqqi.tel
Line Count: 68
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 43953d92-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2494240
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: UBC \MAYOR\ THEBAHALI CLAIMS 500 MILLION RAND LOAN FOR SOWETO FROM US SOURCES
TAGS: PINS, PINT, SF, UBC, (THEBAHALI, DAVID)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/43953d92-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009